



**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Alain GANTIER	)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appn. No. : 09/937,016	)	Examiner Jila Mohandes
Docket No. : P21432	)	Confirmation No. 3081
Customer No. : 7055	)	
I.A. Filed : January 22, 2001	)	
Title : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.